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TO AMEMBASSY JIDDA IMMEDIATE
INFO AMEMBASSY DJIBOUTI PRIORITY
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AMEMBASSY CAIRO
AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM
AMEMBASSY LONDON
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SUBJECT: RETURN OF SULTAN ALI MIRAH TO DJIBOUTI
REFS: A) JIDDA 1484; B) STATE 48827; C) JIDDA 1418;
D) DJIBOUTI 234; E) DJIBOUTI 199

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I. GIVEN PRECARIOUS POSITION OF DJIBOUTI EQUILIBRIUM,
BOTH VIS A VIS HER NEIGHBORS AND INTERNALLY, DEPART-
MENT AGREES WITH FRENCH ASSESSMENT THAT RETURN OF ALI MIRAH
NOW COULD HAVE SERIOUS DESTABILIZING EFFECT ON DJIBOUTI
GOVERNMENT, AVOIDANCE OF WHICH IS IN SAUDI INTEREST AS WELL
AS OUR OWN.

2. WE UNDERSTAND THAT HASSAN GOULED HAS EXPRESSED HIS OPPOSITION TO ALI MIRAH VISIT (REF D), BUT HASSAN'S APPARENT INABILITY TO ACT BOTH DECISIVELY AND PRUDENTLY ON THESE DELICATE ETHNIC QUESTIONS IS MAJOR ASPECT OF PROBLEM. HE WOULD TEND TO BE ESPECIALLY INHIBITED IF, AS IS REPORTED, ALI MIRAH VISIT IS BEING PUSHED BOTH BY PRINCE FAHD AND BY SOMALIS.

3. WE BELIEVE THEREFORE THAT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF EMBASSY JIDDA WOULD CONSULT WITH FRENCH EMBASSY TO SEE IF THEIR REPRESENTATION HAS HAD ANY EFFECT. IF IT HAS NOT, WE WISH EMBASSY WOULD MAKE OUR CONCERNS KNOWN AT APPROPRIATE EFFECTIVE LEVEL IN SAG, STRESSING OUR DESIRE TO

REMAIN IN FRANK DIALOGUE WITH SAUDIS ON OUR COMMON CONCERN FOR THE STABILITY OF THE HORN. VANCE

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